

**Amendments to the Claims**

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of enabling events to automatically and dynamically  
2 adapt to capabilities of a management system, comprising steps of:  
3 receiving one or more events at the management system; and  
4 evaluating each received event to determine if an additional capability is available for the  
5 management system, and programmatically appending the additional capability to the event if so;  
6 thereby automatically and dynamically adapting the received events to the capabilities of  
7 the management system without requiring change to applications generating the events.

1 Claim 2 (original): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of  
2 programmatically invoking processing of the appended additional capabilities.

1 Claim 3 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein selected ones of the appended  
2 additional capabilities comprise a name of an executable task.

1 Claim 4 (original): The method according to Claim 2, wherein selected ones of the appended  
2 additional capabilities comprise a name of an executable task and wherein the programmatically  
3 invoking step comprises executing the task.

1 Claim 5 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein selected ones of the appended  
2 additional capabilities comprise a rule to be added to a rule base server.

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1 Claim 6 (original): The method according to Claim 2, wherein selected ones of the appended  
2 additional capabilities comprise a rule to be evaluated by a rule base server and wherein the  
3 programmatically invoking step comprises evaluating the rule by the rule base server.

1 Claim 7 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein selected ones of the appended  
2 additional capabilities comprise a property name and value.

1 Claim 8 (original): The method according to Claim 2, wherein selected ones of the appended  
2 additional capabilities comprise a property name and value and wherein the programmatically  
3 invoking step comprises determining if a rule associated with that property name and value exists  
4 in a rule base and evaluating the rule if so.

1 Claim 9 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein a flag indicates whether the  
2 appended additional capability for a selected event has been processed.

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to Claim [[1]] 2, wherein a precondition  
2 for the programmatically invoking step comprises determining whether an appended additional  
3 capability is present on a selected event, and determining that the appended additional capability  
4 has not already been performed.

1 Claim 11 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the programmatically appending  
2 further comprises adding a slot to a representation of the event.

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1 Claim 12 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the programmatically appending  
2 further comprises adding a property to an object representing the event.

1 Claim [[11]] 13 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the  
2 programmatically appending further comprises adding a field to a representation of the event.

1 Claim [[12]] 14 (currently amended): A system for enabling events to automatically and  
2 dynamically adapt to capabilities of a management system, comprising:  
3 means for receiving one or more events at the management system; and  
4 means for evaluating each received event to determine if an additional capability is  
5 available for the management system, and programmatically appending the additional capability  
6 to the event if so;  
7 thereby automatically and dynamically adapting the received events to the capabilities of  
8 the management system without requiring change to applications generating the events.

1 Claim [[13]] 15 (currently amended): The system according to Claim [[12]] 14, further  
2 comprising means for programmatically invoking processing of the appended additional  
3 capabilities.

1 Claim [[14]] 16 (currently amended): The system according to Claim [[12]] 14, wherein selected  
2 ones of the appended additional capabilities comprise a name of an executable task and wherein

3 the means for programmatically invoking comprises means for executing the task.

1 Claim [[15]] 17 (currently amended): The system according to Claim [[12]] 14, wherein  
2 selected ones of the appended additional capabilities comprise a rule to be evaluated by a rule  
3 base server and wherein the means for programmatically invoking comprises means for  
4 evaluating the rule by the rule base server.

1 Claim [[16]] 18 (currently amended): The system according to Claim [[12]] 14, wherein selected  
2 ones of the appended additional capabilities comprise a property name and value and wherein the  
3 means for programmatically invoking comprises means for determining if a rule associated with  
4 that property name and value exists in a rule base and means for evaluating the rule if so.

1 Claim [[17]] 19 (currently amended): The system according to Claim [[12]] 14, wherein a  
2 precondition for operation of the means for programmatically invoking comprises determining  
3 whether an appended additional capability is present on a selected event, and determining that the  
4 appended additional capability has not already been performed.

1 Claim [[18]] 20 (currently amended): A computer program product for enabling events to  
2 automatically and dynamically adapt to capabilities of a management system, the computer  
3 program product embodied on one or more computer-usable media and comprising:  
4 computer readable program code means for receiving one or more events at the  
5 management system; and

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6 computer readable program code means for evaluating each received event to determine if  
7 an additional capability is available for the management system, and programmatically appending  
8 the additional capability to the event if so;

9 thereby automatically and dynamically adapting the received events to the capabilities of  
10 the management system without requiring change to applications generating the events.

1 Claim ~~[[19]]~~ 21 (currently amended): The computer program product according to Claim ~~[[18]]~~  
2 20, further comprising computer readable program code means for programmatically invoking  
3 processing of the appended additional capabilities.

1 Claim ~~[[20]]~~ 22 (currently amended): The computer program product according to Claim ~~[[18]]~~  
2 20, wherein selected ones of the appended additional capabilities comprise a name of an  
3 executable task and wherein the computer readable program code means for programmatically  
4 invoking comprises computer readable program code means for executing the task.

1 Claim ~~[[21]]~~ 23 (currently amended): The computer program product according to Claim ~~[[18]]~~  
2 20, wherein selected ones of the appended additional capabilities comprise a rule to be evaluated  
3 by a rule base server and wherein the computer readable program code means for  
4 programmatically invoking comprises computer readable program code means for evaluating the  
5 rule by the rule base server.

1 Claim ~~[[22]]~~ 24 (currently amended): The computer program product according to Claim ~~[[18]]~~

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2 20, wherein selected ones of the appended additional capabilities comprise a property name and  
3 value and wherein the computer readable program code means for programmatically invoking  
4 comprises computer readable program code means for determining if a rule associated with that  
5 property name and value exists in a rule base and means for evaluating the rule if so.

1 Claim ~~[[23]]~~ 25 (currently amended): The computer program product according to Claim ~~[[18]]~~  
2 20, wherein a precondition for operation of the computer readable program code means for  
3 programmatically invoking comprises determining whether an appended additional capability is  
4 present on a selected event, and determining that the appended additional capability has not  
5 already been performed.